have commenced field inspections of projects under execution. At the request of the Department, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has agreed to undertake audit of some projects during their execution itself. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure that developmental projects are regularly monitored.

Stoppage of Oxygen supply in Kalavati Saran Children Hospital

†*118. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Nashey mein dhut technician ne Oxygen rokee, derh darzan bachchey maut ke muh mein jaate-jaate bache", which appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara', dated 4th June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance department of his Ministry had made a surprise visit of Kalavati Saran Children Hospital about a month back and many employees on duty were found badly intoxicated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi there was disruption in oxygen supply for aroung 4-5 minutes in Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital on 2.6.2002, in the early hours (2.30 A.M.). The disruption occured due to negligence of the pipeline operator on duty who was found in an inebriated condition. However, immediately on detection of disruption in oxygen supply, the oxygen cylinders available in Wards/Units were made operational to prevent casualities. The Hospital Authorities have also informed that to stop recurrence of such incidents, it has been ensured that spare oxygen cylinders are available in their Wards/Units for use in any such emergencies of disruption of oxygen supply. Besides, a Chief Medical Officer has been deputed to monitor the functioning of the Manifold Room and to conduct surprise checks at regular intervals.

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The Vigilance Division of this Ministry had not made any surprise visit to this Hospital as reported. However, the concerned pipeline operator involved in the above mentioned incident was immediately placed under suspension. Besides, preliminary enquiry conducted by the Hospital Authorities has found him *prima facie* guilty resulting in departmental enquiry against him.

Setting up of C.G.H.S. Hospitals in Karnataka

†*119. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of C.G.H.S. hospitals in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to set up C.G.H.S. hospitals in major cities of the State in view of inadequate number of C.G.H.S. Units; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) There are four C.G.H.S. hospitals in country as under:

1. Maternity & Gynae Hospital, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

2. Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

3. CGHS Police Hospital, Kingsway Camp, New Delhi.

4. Timar Pur General Hospital, Timar Pur, New Delhi.

(b) No request for setting up of CGHS hospitals in major cities of Karnataka State has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

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